



City Council Minutes

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City Council Chambers, 747 Market Street, First Floor, Tacoma, Washington 98402

August 5, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Present on roll call: 9 - Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma.

The Flag Salute was led by Council Member Miller.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of the LESA Executive Board, June 18, 2003.
- b. Minutes of the Public Utility Board, July 9, 2003.
- c. Minutes of the Public Safety Committee, July 10, 2003.
- d. Minutes of the Tacoma Public Library, Board of Trustees, June 18, 2003.
- e. Minutes of the Task Force on Disabilities, June 26, 2003.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting, June 24, 2003; study session, July 8, 2003; and Committee of the Whole meetings, July 8, 15 and 22, 2003.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Consent Agenda was declared approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 27071

Vacating a portion of East N Street located north of East 63rd Street and south of the alley between East 63rd and East 62nd Streets for an additional building site. (Gordon Eklund; File No. 124.1176)

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27128

Accepting \$546,921 from the Washington State Department of Transportation for upgrading approximately 20 miles of Train to the Mountain track between Graham and Eatonville.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 9 – Evans, Ladenburg, Lonergan, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 0

The Ordinance was declared passed.

Ordinance No. 27129

Establishing an assessment reimbursement area for the proposed extension of Steele Street between South 35th and Idaho Streets; establishing reimbursement assessments and procedures for the collection of said assessments; and amending Chapter 1.23 of the Municipal Code to expand the area of jurisdiction of the Hearing Examiner for such matters.

Roll call vote was taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes: 8 – Evans, Ladenburg, McGavick, Miller, Moss, Phelps, Talbert, and Mayor Baarsma

Nays: 1 Lonergan

The Ordinance was declared passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Purchase Resolution No. 35914

Awarding contracts to:

1. Arch Wireless, in the amount of \$58,000.00, to renew its contract for paging services for various departments through July 31, 2004 – Specification No. G-020-97; and
2. John Korsmo Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$136,701.00, to increase its contract for additional construction work on Fire Station No. 8, located at 4911 South Alaska Street, including extending a chain link fence, providing additional renovation, modifying irrigation, and other work to comply with the Uniform Building Codes – Specification No. G-215-02.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Purchase Resolution be adopted.
 Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before the Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Terry Tietz	4410 South 10 th Street
Will Baker	www.pcinsider.com
Alton McDonald	Resident
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A

Voice vote was taken and carried on the Purchase Resolution. The Purchase Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35915

Authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma for certain property located at the Tacoma Landfill to relocate greenhouses and related facilities that are used for grounds maintenance and horticultural operations, minimizing the duplication of efforts and operating costs.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35916

Endorsing the Tacoma Downtown Streetscape Study and Design Concepts, April 2003, as the guideline for streetscape improvement for future projects in the downtown area and directing the implementation of the recommendations as appropriate.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

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Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Alton McDonald	Resident
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A
Paul Ellis	950 Pacific Avenue
Sherry Bockwinkel	North end resident
Will Baker	piercecountyinsider.com

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35917

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Emergency Food Network, in the amount of \$52,000, to construct a walk-in freezer unit in accordance with the 29th Year Community Development Block Grant program.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick. Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35918

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County, in the amount of \$57,917, for the Paint Tacoma-Pierce County Beautiful program in accordance with the 29th Year Community Development Block Grant program.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Speaking before Council:

Name	Address/Affiliation
Alton McDonald	Resident
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A
Donna Bankston	2526 South J Street
Will Baker	piercecountyinsider.com
Margaret J. Riebe	704 North Yakima Avenue

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35919

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Metropolitan Development Council, in the amount of \$128,000, to operate the Emergency Minor Home Repair program in accordance with the 29th Year Community Development Block Grant program.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the Resolution be adopted. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

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Speaking before Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>
Alton McDonald	Resident

Voice vote was taken and carried. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 35920

Authorizing the execution of a purchase and sale agreement with APP Associates, in the amount of \$62,000, and a quitclaim deed, for the sale of City-owned property located at 2520 South Jefferson Avenue, for use as a commercial fueling station.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved to continue Resolution No. 35920 to a date to be determined. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS BY CITY MANAGER

Mr. Jim Walton, City Manager, reminded Council that the National Night Out event was taking place this evening and that there are many street closures City-wide to accommodate the block parties where families are celebrating the commitment to come together as neighbors to rid their neighborhoods of crime and criminal activity. He stated that there are 88 block party locations throughout Tacoma and invited the Council to join in the celebration.

COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Talbert announced the McKinley Hill Street Festival will begin at noon, this Saturday, and last until late evening at 35th Street and McKinley Avenue. He encouraged citizens to come. He also mentioned a letter he received from a citizen asking why her apartment complex is not allowed to participate in the recycling program. He asked the City Manager to respond to the concern of this citizen. He also mentioned web casting, which would allow constituents more access to information relating to the action of the Council for both current and past Council meetings. He mentioned Pierce County is working with the Boys and Girls Club on a pilot program to do web casting out of the Eastside Boys and Girls Club facility. He encouraged the City Manager to contact Gary Yazwa, President/CEO, Boys and Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, for a potential partnership. His last concern related to a constituent issue, on which he has worked with the City Manager in the past, regarding a house on East 34th Street that needs to come down. He stated that he would like feedback as to when some action will be taken.

Council Member McGavick mentioned that Council Member Evans was quoted in the February issue of *Newsweek* magazine relating to the war in Iraq and local government.

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CITIZEN’S FORUM

Citizens’ Forum began at 6:45 p.m.

Speaking before the Council:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Affiliation</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mike Walters	1120 North Tacoma Avenue	Waterfront safety
Priscilla Lisicich	Safe Streets	Waterfront safety
Allen Douglass	507 South J Street, Apt. 1-A	General
Karen Rich	South Tacoma Business District Association	Thank you to the Public Works Department
Pat Hammond	2218 North Washington Street	City government
Sherry Bockwinkel	Time for a Change	Charter change
Phyllis Barrett	912 South Cushman Avenue	Channel 12
Rick L. Cvitanich	2808 North 8 th Street	Petition
Will Baker	www.piercecountyinsider.com	Charter change
Terry Tietz	Resident	General
Tom Manning	776 Commerce, #1006	Downtown telephones
Michele Reich	1205 E. S. Brazill Street, #18	Police
Alton McDonald	National Action Network	City government
Donna Bankston	2500 block of South J Street	Traffic issue on 25 th Street
Keith Ramsey	6206 South Lawrence Street	Form of government petition
Margaret J. Riebe	704 North Yakima Avenue	Streetlighting/ Streetscape
Darren Dressler	1857 North Skyline Drive	Council meetings
John Truman	2311 North 30 th Street	Waterfront safety issue


Citizens’ Forum closed at 7:50 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Moss moved that the City deny the Judson family claim and authorize our attorneys to initiate immediate discussion with the claimants toward prompt settlement of their claims. Seconded by Council Member McGavick.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

On proper motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


BILL BAARSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
DORIS SORUM, CITY CLERK

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